

## Lessons From The Qur'ân

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Allaah The Exalted Says:

**"By the heaven, holding the big stars. And by the Promised Day (i.e. the Day of Resurrection); And by the witnessing day (i.e. Friday), and by the witnessed day [i.e. the day of 'Arafât (Hajj) the ninth of Dhul-Hijjah]; Cursed were the people of the ditch (the story of the Boy and the King). Fire supplied (abundantly) with fuel. When they sat by it (fire). And they witnessed what they were doing against the believers (i.e. burning them). They had nothing against them, except that they believed in Allâh, the All-Mighty, Worthy of all Praise! Who, to Whom belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth! And Allâh is Witness over everything. Verily, those who put into trial the believing men and believing women (by torturing them and burning them), and then do not turn in repentance, (to Allâh), will have the torment of Hell, and they will have the punishment of the burning Fire."** [Suratul Burooj (85):1-10]

The Imaam, Shaykh Muhammad ibn 'Uthaymeen (rahimahullaah) said:  
In these verses there are lessons:

- Allaah The Exalted might give His enemies the upper hand over His allies, so don't be amazed when Allaah The Mighty and Majestic let's the kuffar have the upper hand over the believers – and hence they kill them, and burn them, and transgress over their honour – don't be amazed. Surely Allaah The Exalted has wisdom behind all that.

- **The victims from among the believers; their reward in front of Allaah is great [InshaAllaah].**

- And those transgressing disbelievers; Allaah is giving them some time - and He shall punish them gradually from directions they perceive not.

- And for **the rest of the Muslims**; for them **[these occurrences] are lessons, and admonitions [to benefit and build upon]** – as to what is happening to their [victimized] brethren.

So for example we hear of what is happening of the great transgressions: of the honour [of Muslims], and the destruction of property, and the hunger suffered by the young and the weak old ones - **we hear of things which makes you cry.** So we say: '*SubhaanaAllaah* [Far removed is Allaah from any imperfection], what [and how] is this strength given against those Muslims!!?

But we say: 'O, my brother; don't be amazed – for indeed Allaah The Exalted Has struck for us an example in those before us – who used to be burn the Believers with fire.'

Thus for those brethren of ours – in the Islamic Lands - who have been [wrongfully] overwhelmed:

- This is **a raise in degree for the victims.**
- And a reason for **the sins to be expiated.**

- And it is a lesson for the rest.<sup>1</sup>
- And it is also a delusion for those disbelievers such that when they [continue upon] transgression – then Allaah destroys them.

And from the other points of benefit in these verses:

That these disbelievers they did not extract from the Muslims [and punish them for] any sin - except one sin, and it is: **That they believed in Allâh**, the All-Mighty, Worthy of all Praise! <sup>2</sup>

And [surely] this is not a sin. Rather **this is the truth**. And the one who denies it; he is the one who is reprimanded.

So we ask Allaah The Exalted, The One who is free from All Imperfections; to aid and grant victory to the Muslims in all places, and that He prevents from us the evil of our enemies, and that He return their plots onto themselves: Indeed He is All-Able.'

*End of the Shaykh's words.*

A reminder to our brethren in Gaza [and all the other oppressed lands],  
Allaah Says:

**"Do people think that they will be left alone because they say: "We believe," and will not be tested. And We indeed tested those who were before them. And Allâh will certainly make (it) known (the truth of) those who are true, and will certainly make (it) known (the falsehood of) those who are liars, (although Allâh knows all that before putting them to test). Or those who do evil deeds think that they can outstrip Us (i.e. escape Our Punishment)? Evil is that which they judge! Whoever hopes for the Meeting with Allâh, then Allâh's Term is surely coming. and He is the All-Hearer, the All-Knower."** [Al-Ankabut (29):2-5]

A reminder to our brethren in Gaza [and all the other oppressed lands],  
Allaah Says:

**"Indeed in the Messenger of Allâh (Muhammad sallahAllaahu alayhi wasallam) you have a good example to follow for him who hopes in (the Meeting with) Allâh and the Last Day; and remembers Allâh much."**  
[Al-Ahzaab (33):21]

If we take a look back at the *Seerah* of the best of all people (*sallahAllaahu alayhi wasallam*) - we will see the trials, tribulations, oppressions - he went through; from his own people-!! Let alone from the cursed jews!! How many times did they -all- plan to kill him !? Indeed in him (*sallahAllaahu alayhi wasallam*) and his companions (may Allaah be pleased with them all) we have a sufficient example. Especially in times of weakness [as we are in now].

So brethren in Gaza be patient – and most importantly- return back **[you and us]** to Allaah; indeed there is no might nor any change except by His will.

<sup>1</sup> The Shaykh said this in they year 1414 [almost 16 years ago], And still after all these years, we still have not taken heed, and learnt and rectified, and built upon those happenings!! Surely we are all to blame – in our respective capacities. We ask Allaah to forgive us.

<sup>2</sup> How wishful – and sad - that the one[s] who said; '*our confrontation with the jews is not of aqeedah!!*' I wish that they realize the truth and return to the way of the Salaf – especially in interpreting the Qur'an and the Sunnah - and leave off partisanship.

A reminder to our brethren in Gaza [and all the other oppressed lands],  
The Word of The Supreme:

**“But give good news to those who are patient, who, when a calamity strikes them, say: ‘Indeed we belong to God and indeed to Him we shall be returning: They are those on whom are blessings from their Sustainer, and mercy-and those, they are the rightly-guided.’”**

[Al-Baqarah (2):155-157]

And His promise:

**“So surely, with the hardship, there is relief...  
Verily, with the hardship, there is relief...”** [As-Sharh (94):6-7]